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TO: NC/HEADQUARTERS, DIRECTOR INFO ASUNCION.

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SUBJECT: [ ] RESPONSE TO TALKING POINTS

REF: DIRECTOR 285908

1. DURING 14 MARCH DISCUSSIONS WITH [ ] SHE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO REF TALKING POINTS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO ADVISE SVDISH [ ] OF ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO [ ] TRIP TO PARAGUAY. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE RESUBMITTED IN INTFI FORMAT

2. [ ] BELIEVES THAT GUSTAVO ((STROESSNER)) CURRENTLY HOLDS THE RANK OF MAJOR IN THE AIR FORCE ALTHOUGH SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HIS CURRENT DUTIES ARE. [ ] DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT GUSTAVO HAS ANY POLITICAL ROLE NOR IS HE CONSULTED BY HIS FATHER WITH REGARD TO POLITICAL SITUATIONS OR PROBLEMS. [ ] BELIEVES THAT GUSTAVO IS PROBABLY AWARE OF SOME OF HIS FATHER'S POLITICAL ACTIVITIES/PROBLEMS AS GUSTAVO DOES FREQUENTLY MEET WITH HIS FATHER OVER LUNCH AT THE PRESIDENT'S HOME. ACCORDING TO [ ] PRESIDENT STROESSNER CONSULTS NO ONE WITH REGARD TO WHAT COURSES OF ACTION TO TAKE, INCLUDING HIS SON. [ ] FEELS THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY DISCUSS HIS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WITH GUSTAVO TO KEEP HIM INFORMED, BUT NOT TO REGISTER HIS OPINIONS. ACCORDING TO [ ] GUSTAVO IS WELL RECEIVED BY HIS PEERS IN THE AIR FORCE BECAUSE HE HAS HAD NO SPECIAL TREATMENT DESPITE HIS FAMILY CONNECTION. GUSTAVO HAS NOT BEEN PROMOTED AHEAD OF ANY OF HIS CLASSMATES. HOWEVER, GUSTAVO IS DECIDEDLY UNCHARISMATIC, LACKING IN LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, AND NOT CONSIDERED BY HIS PEERS TO BE A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO HIS FATHER.

3. ACCORDING TO [ ] THE SYRIAN AND LEBANESE COMMUNITIES IN ASUNCION ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE AND COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE SYRIAN-LEBANESE COMMUNITY. THE COMMUNITY IS TIGHTKNIT, WEALTHY,

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AND NOT WELL LIKED BY OTHER PARAGUAYANS BECAUSE OF THEIR WILLINGNESS TO GO TO ANY ENDS TO MAKE A DOLLAR. THE TEXTILE BUSINESS IN ASUNCION IS VIRTUALLY CONTROLLED BY SYRIAN-LEBANESE INTERESTS. THE COMMUNITY IS WELL CONNECTED POLITICALLY FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. HUMBERTO DOMINGUEZ (X DIBB)), THE FORMER HUSBAND OF GRACIELLA ((STROESSNER)), HAS MAINTAINED A FAVORABLE POSITION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION DESPITE THE DIVORCE. HE IS CONSIDERED BY PRESIDENT STROESSNER TO BE THE FATHER OF STROESSNER'S GRANDCHILDREN AND THUS STILL ENJOYS "FAMILY" STATUS. ACCORDING TO [ ] , SUCH STATUS CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED. DIBB IS NOW CONSIDERED TO BE A DRUG ADDICT WHO, ACCORDING TO [ ] HAS "LOST HIS MARBLES." HE DRIVES A WHITE ROLLS-ROYCE, WEARS ONLY WHITE CLOTHES, AND REFUSES TO DINE OUT UNLESS SERVED BY A WAITER WEARING WHITE GLOVES. HE OWNS A LARGE OSTENTATIOUS HOUSE AND HAS CLEARLY DONE WELL FINANCIALLY. HIS FAMILY IS CONSIDERED TO BE OF THE LOWER CLASS, GROSS IN BEHAVIOR, UNDERHANDED, AND PROBABLY INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING. DIBB'S FATHER, WHO PRIOR TO DIBB'S MARRIAGE TO GRACIELLA WAS A "NOBODY," HAS NOW ACQUIRED A MONOPOLY ON THE PARAGUAYAN LOTTERY, THE CASINOS, AND THE WIRE BUSINESS (E.G. BARBED WIRE FOR FENCING). GRACIELLA APPARENTLY MET DIBB WHEN HE WAS THE TRAINER FOR A BASKETBALL TEAM THAT GRACIELLA WAS INVOLVED IN.

4. ANOTHER POLITICAL CONNECTION OF THE COMMUNITY IS THROUGH MARIO (X ABDO BENNETEZ)), THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER. ACCORDING TO [ ] BENNETEZ IS NOT *cit Para* *Sex: n* CONSIDERED TO BE VERY BRIGHT, AND THE FACT THAT HE IS THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT IS A BIG JOKE. BENNETEZ, A MEMBER OF THE COLORADO PARTY, TOTALLY CONTROLS ACCESS TO STROESSNER. [ ] BELIEVES THAT IT WAS BENNETEZ WHO KEPT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR FROM SEEING THE PRESIDENT WITH REGARD TO THE CONTROVERSIAL SHIPMENT OF CHEMICALS FOR PROCESSING DRUGS. [ ] DESCRIBES BENNETEZ AS MONEY-HUNGRY AND CORRUPT. HE IS UNEDUCATED AND COMES FROM A LOWER CLASS FAMILY.

5. A THIRD POLITICAL CONNECTION IS THROUGH GENERAL ANDRES (X RODRIGUEZ)). RODRIGUEZ HAS TWIN DAUGHTERS, MARTA AND MIRTA, ONE OF WHOM IS MARRIED TO ALFREDITO STROESSNER, THE OTHER TO A LEBANESE, (X SABA)). SABA'S FATHER, S. ELIAS (X SABA)) IS CONSIDERED TO BE CLOSE TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER. SABA IS VERY INVOLVED IN THE TEXTILE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN ASUNCION. THE ELDER SABA HAS A PRIVATE JET WHICH, ACCORDING TO [ ] IS ALLOWED TO TAKE OFF AND LAND IN PARAGUAY WITH NO RESTRICTIONS. ALTHOUGH [ ] HAS HEARD NOTHING CONSIDERING THE INVOLVEMENT OF ANY SYRIAN-LEBANESE IN DRUG TRAFFICKING, SHE BELIEVES THAT THE SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AFFORDED TO SABA WITH REGARD TO HIS JET ARE AT LEAST SUSPICIOUS. [ ] HAS NO INFORMATION ON PLO SYMPATHIZERS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY BUT WILL REMAIN ALERT TO ANY INFORMATION IN

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THAT REGARD. SHE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT LIKELY, HOWEVER, AS THE COMMUNITY IS GENERALLY DOING WELL FINANCIALLY AND HAS TOO MUCH TO LOSE BY BEING IDENTIFIED WITH THE PLO.

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6. AS FAR AS JOSEF ((MENGELE)) IS CONCERNED, ACCORDING TO C-3 IT WAS "COMMON KNOWLEDGE" THAT MENGELE WAS IN PARAGUAY IN THE 1950'S AND THAT HE HAD OBTAINED PARAGUAYAN CITIZENSHIP/DOCUMENTATION BY VIRTUE OF BEING SPONSORED BY A PARAGUAYAN GENERAL. ACCORDING TO C-3 THE QUESTION WAS NEVER WHETHER MENGELE WAS REALLY IN PARAGUAY, BUT WHETHER HE WAS REALLY EXPELLED AS CLAIMED. AS FAR AS OFFICIAL/NON-OFFICIAL ATTITUDES ARE CONCERNED, NO ONE WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO COME FORWARD WITH POSITIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING MENGELE BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE ACCUSED OF WITHHOLDING SUCH INFORMATION IN THE PAST. ANYONE WHO KNOWS OF HIS WHEREABOUTS IS, IN C-3'S OPINION, STILL INVOLVED WITH MENGELE AND PROBABLY BEING PAID OFF BY MENGELE FOR THEIR SILENCE. PRESIDENT STROESSNER IS UNLIKELY TO SPEAK UP ON THE TOPIC AND WILL NOT BE PRESSURED INTO ASSISTING IN LOCATING MENGELE. C-3 BELIEVES HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO MENGELE, BUT SHE POINTS TO THE RECENT DRUG PROCESSING CHEMICALS INCIDENT AS EVIDENCE THAT STROESSNER WILL NOT BOW TO PRESSURE TO LEND ASSISTANCE. C-3 BELIEVES THAT MENGELE MAY STILL BE IN PARAGUAY, LIVING "UNDERGROUND" HAVING UNDERGONE EXTENSIVE PLASTIC SURGERY TO ALTER HIS APPEARANCE. SHE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE GERMAN COMMUNITY IN PARAGUAY IS SUPPORTIVE OF EFFORTS TO LOCATE HIM AND SHE POINTS OUT THAT STROESSNER CONSIDERS HIMSELF PART OF THE CLOSELY KNIT COMMUNITY. AS FOR THE

BUSINESS XFERRETARIA-ALLEMANIA, "C-3 HAS NEVER HEARD OF A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND MENGELE. THE COMPANY WAS THE PRIMARY CONDUIT FOR GERMAN ARMS SHIPMENTS TO PARAGUAY DURING THE CHACO WAR WITH BOLIVIA IN THE MID-1930'S, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A CONNECTION WAS MADE AT THE TIME.

C-3 GRANDFATHER WORKED FOR THE FIRM, BUT SHE DOES NOT RECALL THAT HE EVER MENTIONED MENGELE AS BEING CONNECTED WITH THE FIRM, ALTHOUGH SHE DOES RECALL HEARING HER GRANDFATHER TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT MENGELE WAS IN PARAGUAY. C-3 BELIEVES THAT A POSSIBLE CONNECTION MAY HAVE BEEN THROUGH DON GUILLERMO X(VOSS)), A MAIN PARTNER IN THE BUSINESS WHO RETURNED TO GERMANY IN THE LATE 1930'S AND AFTER THE WAR CAME BACK TO PARAGUAY.

7. AS A FINAL NOTE, C-3 HAS RECENTLY HEARD THAT THE PRIVATE DISCOTHEQUES IN ASUNCION ARE BEING HEAVILY USED BY DRUG TRAFFICKERS/USERS. SHE HAS HEARD THAT MANY GOVERNMENT PEOPLE ARE FREQUENTING PRIVATE DISCOS WHERE THERE IS OPEN DRUG USE, PRIMARILY COCAINE. A PARTICULARLY NOTORIOUS CLUB IS XCLUB CARACOL."

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